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The following report describes the application of agricultural policies of the Rumanian Government in the southern portion of Timis - Torontal County, near the Rumanian-Yugoslav frontier.

- 1. The Rumanian Workers Party and the trade unions are propagandizing the peasantry in support of the collective farm system. Statistics favorably comparing the USSR with the United States are furnished the peasants as "proof" that collectivization is preferable to any other system of agriculture.
- 2. At the town of Sannicolaul Mare there is a AFSM (Association of State Farms and Machinery) with ten tractors. A former gymnasium houses a center of the REAZIM (Agency for Zootechnology and Instruction in and Maintenance of Machinery) with a school of instruction of young people of both sexes as tractor operators.
- 3. This local center of REAZIM has a branch for wine culture, the task of which is production and standardization of wine. The Swabian population is required to supply quotas of grapes to the State as rent. Some of the local Serb population have been given vineyards formerly belonging to the Swabians, but are not required to provide quotas. Agricultural administration in this area is exercised by a veteran Hungarian Communist, a former railroad worker, who uses his authority to terrorize and dispossess the Swabians.
- 4. At Sannicolaul Mare an organization of Party members and police introduced a program of forced planting. Peasants who came to the town were forcibly sent home to work the fields. Those not complying with the orders of the local authorities were charged with sabotage and in many instances the victims were condemned to serve one to three years in prison and to pay sizeable fines.

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